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Dear parent/carer

Trialling Key Stage 2 national curriculum assessment materials

We are writing to inform you that your child's school has been selected to trial some national curriculum assessment materials for Key Stage 2. The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is doing this work for the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) which is part of the Department for Education (DfE). The materials that will be trialled are for assessing mathematics and this trial plays a critical role in developing tests that accurately measure pupils' attainment and progress.

From 2016 schools selected to take part in the trialling of key stage 2 assessments have a statutory responsibility to participate in the trial.

Further information is available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/introduction-of-statutory-participation-in-trialling-of-national-curriculum-tests-from-2016>

Pupils in your child's class will be asked to complete these assessments on a set date during the summer term (over the period 18 to 29 April 2016). They will be given a certificate and a pencil as a thank you for their help.

Pupils' background data, as collected in the autumn school census and confirmed with the school, will be used to inform the analysis of the trial. **This project is confidential and no school or child will be named in any report of this work.** The aim of this exercise is to trial the test, not the pupils. As these are tests in the development stage schools will not receive results from these assessments.

If you have any questions about this project, please telephone NFER on 01753 637338 or email us at TPTT@nfer.ac.uk and we will be happy to answer any queries you might have.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Humaira Ishaq'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn rectangular box.

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